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Cooley Partner Margaret H. Kavalaris Honored by Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership

WASHINGTON, DC -- (MARKET WIRE) -- November 16, 2006 -- Margaret Kavalaris, a founding partner of Cooley Godward Kronish LLP's Washington, DC office, was honored by Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) at the Albert Schweitzer Leadership Awards Dinner in New York City on November 13, 2006.

Kavalaris, a corporate and securities partner specializing in taking technology and biotech companies through M&A or public offering transactions, was honored with HOBY's Inspiration Award for her ongoing, significant contributions to the business community.

Since 1985, HOBY has presented a select group of individuals and organizations with awards that recognize leadership in many diverse areas of human endeavor. The awards are presented to deserving men, women and organizations who have demonstrated superior leadership in business, philanthropy and the professions, and who have made notable contributions to youth.

Kavalaris has a long history of public service and community leadership. She has served as Chair of the Women's Campaign Forum in Washington, DC; Member of the Harvard Women's Leadership Board in Cambridge, Mass; Trustee of the San Francisco Zoological Society; Director of the DC Tech Council in Washington, DC; Chair of the Crystal Springs Uplands School Board of Trustees in Hillsborough, CA; Director of the California Alumni Association in Berkeley, CA; and Member of the University of California Millennium Capital Campaign in Berkeley, CA.

Kavalaris earned a BA from the University of California, Berkeley and a JD from University of San Francisco School of Law.

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About HOBY

HOBY was founded in 1958 by actor and humanitarian Hugh O'Brian with the mission to "provide lifelong leadership development opportunities that empower individuals to achieve their highest potential." For almost 50 years, O'Brian and HOBY have been promoting independent thinking among outstanding high school sophomores, motivating them to become effective, ethical leaders in their homes, schools and communities. Each year, more than 8,500 tenth graders, representing as many individual high schools, are nominated by their schools and attend one of HOBY's 70 leadership development seminars held throughout the United States and Canada.

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